WASHINGTON, D. C., THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 20, 1882.

THE LIGHT INFANTRY'S HOP.

Gallant Militiances and Beauteous Dam

sels-Who Were There.

and red streamers, stretching from different quar-

Complimenting the President.

newed offorts to contribute to our common country the inestingable wealth to be derived by the measure

so ably recommended by you.
THOMAS L. AIREY, President. CAPITAL JOTTINGS.

G. K. Chase, of New York, is at the Riges. Rev. H. T. Group, of Philadelphia, is at Willard's

W. ALLSTROM, of Spanish Peak, Cal., is at Will

J. B. BEALL, of Pittsburg, is domiciled at the Metro

E. B. WARNER, of England, is sojourning at the

MR. WILLIAM BRINCK and bride, of New York, are

at the Arlington.

JACKSON S. SCHULTZ and wife are sejourning a

JOSEPH L JONES, of Liverpool, Ecgland, is quar-tered at the National.

HOWARD PADDOCK, of Albany, N. Y., is among the

R. S. HOLLY, of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, is at Willard's.

Amono the guests at the Riggs House is Leonard Myers, of Philadelphia.

MICHARL JACOBS, a prominent merchant of New

GEORGE H. CHRISTY and servant, of Pittsburg are among the late arrivals at Welcker's.

R. L. GARNET and wife have parlors at the Arling

WILL WINTER, the post, and the dramatic critic of the New York Tribune, is at the Metropolitan

M. Clapp's golden wedding, is located at the Biggs

DETECTIVE J. T. NORRIS. of Springfield, Ohio, is in town on important business, and is stopping at the

days with his brother, Captain P. C. Johnson, U. S. N., 1718 N sireet. SENATOR JONES, of Florida, has accepted an invi-

ation to address the political organization known as the "Young Isemogracy of New York" on the even-

A LARGE number of North Carolina Statwart Re-publicans are expected to reach Washington to-day, Ex-Colitector W. H. Wheeler, G. M. Weiker, and W. H. Hardin have already arrived.

the war. The Captain is a first-class Maryland Bour bon, and claims to have much to do with the manipu

ing of the 20th lastant.

ton. They have a maid and man servant. A. R. Harr, vice-president of the Photo-Engraving Company of New York, has rooms at the Arlington.

REHARD is at the Arlington.

il Welcker's.

the Riggs House.

FAITHFUL SERVICES

AT THE DEAD PRESIDENT'S BEDSIDE.

Report of the Committee on Allowances-Names of Those Mentioned and the Amounts Awarded to Each-Privolous Objections of a Minority of the Committee.

Mr. Taylor, of Ohio, chairman of the committee to audit the expenses of the illness and death of President Garfield, submitted a bill and report on that subject in the House yesterday. Mr. Black-burn, of Kentucky, presented the report of the burn, of Rentucy, presented the report of the minerity. Both reports were referred to the Committee of the Whole, The majority report on the bill sets forth: "That after giving such attention to the subject as its importance demands, your committee are of the opinion that Congress may properly and legally opinion that Congress may properly and legally assume the expenses attendant upon the llines and burial of the late President, upon the ground that he was stricken down while he was, and because he was, in the discharge of his duties as the chief occutive officer of the Nation and commander-in-chief of the army and navy. Congress would also be justified in making provision for such payment, regarding it as an allowance to the family, made to cover extraordinary coulays occa-loned by public misfortune. We do not enter into an argument, however, to prove that that may be done which the people expect and desire shall be done. Having arrived at this conclusion,

YOUR COMMITTEE PROCEEDED to examine the various claims presented to them which fail within the scope of their authority, and, as they believe, have done so with industry and care. Many claims have been rejected, not all of which were without meet; " others have been allowed in part only, and all have been rigidly sernitoised, so much so that your committee feit suttorized to state that hose claims recommended for payment are correct and just." The report then recites the difficulties which were not in enclosively to satisfactority adjust the various claims, and afterward reviews the whole period of the President's illness, referring to the "grave responsibilities, the saidnous care and untiring devotion and long continued services of the surgious and attendants."

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THE REPORT MAKES HONDRABLE MENTION of the services of Dr. Smith Townshend, Dr. Charles B. Purvis, and Surgeon-General Wales, of the navy, and of Dr. Satians S. Lincoln, who were called immediately after the shooting occurred, and says that they did all that science and satisficuld accomplish toward the patient's relief, and to praduce reaction from the shock. Commendable mention is also made of General Swaim, Colorel Rockwell. J. Stanley Brown, and C. O. Rockwell. Who, the report says, devoted their whole time during the President's filmes to be aumfort and service. The committee concludes by urging the passage of the bill agreed upon by the majority, which simply authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to pay the amounts embodied in the accompanying papers. The following is THE REPORT OF THE MINORITY:

The unders' gued, members of the special committee authorized to audit certain expenses growing out of the mekness and burial of the late President Garfield, respectfully dissent from the report of the majority of the committee for the following reasons: We do not object to the payment by the General Government of the funeral expenses of the late President, who was stricken down in the performance of his duties and because of his occupying a public station. Our objection to the report of the committee grows out of the recommendation for payment for the services of the physicians and surgeons who attended the late President through his illness. The amounts recommended by the majority of the committee grows out of the recommendation for payment for the services of the physicians and surgeons who attended the late President through his illness. The amounts recommended by the majority of the committee grows out of the recommendation for payment for the services of the physicians and surgeons who attended the late President through his illness. The amounts recommended by the majority of the committee

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND

the promotion of Drs. Barnes and Woodward with
increased pay in accardance with their promoted
rank. There was no evidence before the committee, or parte or otherwise, tending to establish the
character of the services rendered or the value of
guch services. The undersigned were perfectly
willing to concede that liberal compensation
abould be allowed to the physicians and surgeons,
a compensation in excess even of what was possibles for any of the medical attendants to have
earned in ordinary practice during the time. But
the sums recommended to be paid by the majority
of the committee are deemed by the undersigned
to be excessive and out of proportion to the services rendered. No witnesses were called; no
evidence, by affidavitor otherwise, submitted upon
which the committee

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The conclusion reached by the majority of the committee was therefore based upon such information as had been derived from rending the newspapers, and does not differ in the least from that which every gentleman passesses who pays any attoution to the newsaft the day. The undersigned are of the opinion that there was no extraordinary medical skill exhibited in the treatment of the case, and nothing calling for an extraordinary allowance for professional service; but while willing to be liberal, they could not consent to the manner of payment recommended nor to extravagance and wanton lavishment of the pubextravagance and wanton lavishment of the pub-lic funds. The undersigned also respectfully pro-test against that part of the report of the majority which recommends THE PROMOTION OF SURGEON-GENERAL BARNES

THE PROMOTION OF SURGEON-GENERAL BARNES to a major-general's rank and refirement thereunder, and to the recommendation for promotion of Dr. Woodward from a major to a lieutenaut-colonel, with the mak and pay of the latter office. The undersigned are of the optonion that this committee has no jurisdiction to make any recommendations with regard to the military citabilishment. The committee could only consider such matters as were referred to them by the resolution of the House. The resolution authorized us to audit certain expenses, and not to recommend promotions in the military service of the Government. There is no precedent, so far as we have been able to learn, for Concress assuming to pay for the services of physicians attending upon persons in civil positions, but in view of the circumstances of the assault upon the late President, and of the great interest of the people in his recovery, the undersigned were willing that the Government should assume

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To PAY SUCH SUMS

for professional services as might lawfully have been recovered from the estate of the late Prestdent, and were desirons of treating such claims as claims against the estate of the deceased, rather than as properly cognizable by Congress. They were willing, therefore, to appropriate to the estate such portion of the uncerned salary of the late President as would cover all such claims; but they cannot agree that sums shall be appropriated for professional services far in excess of the value of such services, and which sums are bottomed upon claims not formally presented, and supported by no evidence as to the value of the services rendered. For these reasons the undersigned respectfully protest against the passage of the bill reported by the majority of the committee, and recommend the adorsions.

OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

Resolved, That the report of the majority of the committee, together with the bill accompanying said report, he recommitted, with instructions to the committee to require all persons having claims cigulisable by said committee to present accounts thereof, and to require calmants in all cases to furnish proof as to the value of services rendered or materials mrnished; and in the case of allowances for professional services as physicians or surgeons to make such allowances only as would be properly charge able against the estate of the hale President, and to provide in the bill when again reported such further appropriation of sucarned satisfy as would cover the amounts audited for such professional services.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES S. BLACKBURN,
WILLIAM M. SPRINGER,
BENJAMIN LE FEVRE.

The following is a schedule of the claims presed OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

JAMES S. BLAUKBURN, WILLIAM M. SPRINGER, BENJAMIN LE FEVRE.

The following is a schedule of the claims passed and allowances made: Allowance to Mrs. Lucretia R. Garfield, 550,000 (less the amount paid the late President of a account of his salary); Dr. D. W. Miss, \$25,000; Dr. D. H. Agnew, 15,000; Dr. K. H. Hamilton, \$10,000; Dr. Susan Edson, \$10,000; William J. Crump, steward \$5,000; R. J. Jennings for cooling apparatus). \$1,000; Navy Department expenses, \$2,25,40; Navy Department expenses of Martine Rand, \$327; W. R. Spaare, undertaker, \$1,835,50; C. A. Benedict confin. &c., \$887,00; Independent Ice Company, \$1,516,92; H. L. Grawford, street sprinkling, \$270; C. I. Jones, board, carriages, &c., at Elberon, \$1,092,25; William Schootfmacker, \$16; George Imman, surgical ingroments, &c., \$85,27; W. R. Moses & Son, merchants, \$10,24; Telephone Company, \$00; C. F. Schmidt, \$6 cents; H. W. Atswood, 75 cents; Mitte & Overman, \$16,50; Singleton & Hoeke, merchants, \$122,44; Telephone Company, \$20; C. F. Schmidt, \$6 cents; H. W. Atswood, 75 cents; Mitte & Proctor, bedstead and mattress, \$162,55; Cleveland Tran fer Company, \$15; Shuster & Sons, merchants, \$10,50; L. Schmidt, \$6 cents; H. W. Atswood, 75 cents; Mitte & Proctor, bedstead and mattress, \$162,55; Cleveland Tran fer Company, \$15; Shuster & Sons, merchants, \$15; L. Schmidter, \$7,50; Booc Broc, & Co., merchants, \$100; C. G. C. Simms, \$7,110; W. S. Thompson, \$15, D. The following is a list of employees at the Executive Manston during the lines of President Garfield to whom the committee allowed additional pay; O. L. Pruden, assistant accretary, \$7,50; W. H. Crook, executive clerk, \$250; J. S. Bolway, clerk, \$250; J. J. Bolway, clerk, \$250; J. S.

VIRGINIA MATTERS.

The Smullpox-Hankruptey-Found Dead -Damage to Fruit.

RICHMOND, Va., April 19.-In the House of Dele gates to-day, in furtherance of the action of the conference of leading Readinsters, held last night, a resolution providing for a recess of the General Assembly from Saturday next until the 12th o June was adopted—ayes 49, mays 25—a strict party vote, excepting one Readjuster, who voted with the Democrats in the negative. The Senate will

act upon the resolution to-morrow. RICHMOND, VA., April 19.—Daniel O'Keefe, a yard watchman at the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway depot, was found dead this morning between tw cars, with a pistel-shot wound in the right side o his neck. The coroner decided that it was either a sulcide or the result of an accident. The den man's pistol, with one chamber empty, and his lantern were found by his side, and it is believed that in attempting to pass between the cars with his platel in his hand the weapon was accident

his pigot in his finite the weapen was accountably discharged, with a fatal result.

Partiesentia, VA., April 19.—Confluent smallpox has broken out in Bermuda Township, Chesterfield County, and every effort is being made to prevent its second.

ceived a communication from the New York Board of Trade asking the chamber to take early action in reference to the passage of a proper na-tional bankrupt law. The petition has been referred to the committee on commerce and com-mercial usage for proper action.

Nonrolle, Va., April 19.—According to the most

restworthy information from the vegetable and ruit-growing sections of Eastern Virginia and South Carolina the late cold spell did no material damage to truck. In some places young potatoes were slightly blackened by frost, but no serious harm is feared. Strawberries, peas, boans, and early corn are flourishing. Apples are not burt. Peaches are very slightly injured, and the flue va-rieties of pears shortened one-half. The weather is now favorable, and unless the cold snaps expected for the next two weeks are unusually se

FARED BETTER THAN GUITEAU.

completely colorless, merely pointing out the law in such cases. The prisoner manifested no emo-tion. In his charge to the jury the Lord Chief-Justice said that no head of any State was entirely free from the danger of regicidal attacks—neither the chief of a military empire nor the president of a great republic.

The Slayers of Jesse James.

Sr. Lous, April 19.—A special from Ransas City says: "Robert Ford, the slayer of Jesse James, was taken to Richmond, Ray County, this morning to await the action of the authorities on the charge of killing Wood Hite, one or the outlaw gang. The Ford boys ascert that the Governor promised them immunity for all past crimes, but to the Past-Dispatch reporter Governor Crittenden indignantly denies this. He would not say, however, that he might not pardon them. The Governor says he believes Frank James is dead."

Strikes of Workingmen.

Chattanooga, Tenn.-The compositors on the only Times demanded an increase of from 25 to cents per 1,000 cms, and were refused and struck. Bethleben, Pa.—Two hundred men in the blast-irnace of the Bethlebem Rolling Mill for an inrease of wages.

Charles Reade on Lamson, LONDON, April 20.—Charles Reade writes a long letter to the Telegraph, endeavoring to prove that Dr. Lamson is not responsible for his acts.

TELEGRAPHIC TWISTINGS. -Eight jurors were empauneled in the Malley trial

nt New Haven yesterday.

—The Democratic State Executive Communication Carolina will meet May 8 at Raleigh. Ex-Treasurer Dandore, of Reading, Pa., is short \$35,000, instead of \$20,000. He is still at large. -Annie Herman, aged twenty-four, of No. 188 East Thirtieth street, took arsenic and died yester-

Chicago. There have been twenty-five conviction and seven acquittals. -Robert S. Franklin, Republican, was nayor of Newport, R. I., by 174 majority over Stephen . Slocum, the present incumbent.

—Alexander Fisher, manager of the Ontario Bank at Toronto, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by abooting himself through the head. The Counteilent senate defeated the resolution previously adopted by the house requesting the par-don and resoration of Sergeant Mason. —General Simon Cameron, General Beaver, and

vania militia in Philadelphia yesterday. —A severe storm took place in the Eastern at Western sections of the country yesterday. Ti wind and rain did great damage in many localities. -A dispatch from Victoria, B. C., says there is a rush of miners to Alaska, and as there is no law there the miners propose to hold their claims by tore.

ution through the New York Herold for the Carield fand.

—The steamship Hermann, from Bremen, which arrived in Baltimore last evening, brought 1,400 immi-grant passengers, who will leave for the West this -The Mississippi Valley Saultary Council, repre-

-Thomas Morau, an ex-policeman, was sentenced to State prison yesterday in New York for twenty rears in the Court of General Sessions for commit-

-James C. Powers, a Universalist ininister, who was sentenced last December to the House of Correc-tion at Dedham, Mass., for ten months upon a charge of vagrancy, was pardoned yesterday afternoon by Governor Long.

--John Parritt, jr., was married at St. Ignatius church, San Francisco, Cal., yesterday to Mary, laughter of Joseph Donohue, of the firm of Donohue, Keily & Co., bankers. Archbishop Alemany offi-siated at the ceremony. iated at the ceremony.

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—The annual meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers was convened yesterday in Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, and was called to order by Professor R. H. Thurston, the president, The membership at the present time was stated to be 23.

—The corner-stone of the new armory destined for the use of the First Regiment Pennsylvanta National Guards was laid at about four o'clock yestorday afternoon in Philadelphia. The ceremonies were imposing, and military from New York and elsewhere participated.

—City Commissioner William S. Deuglass, of Philadelphia, who assaulted a newspaper reporter last week for asking information in regard to contracts, and who has since been out of the city, appeared yesterday marning before a magistrate and entered

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yesterday morning before a magistrate and entered bail to answer the charge.

—The following were among the winning dogs at the New York bench show: English setter puppies, under tweive months: Dog Jester, owned by E. W. Jester, of St. George's, Del.; champion Irish setters, dog Berkley, owned by A. H. Moore, of Philadsiphia; bitch Norces, owned by Dr. William Jarvis, of Claremont, N. H.

A BRILLIANT SCENE

AT AN EX-SECRETARY'S MANSION.

Secretary and Mrs. Hunt Honor Their Successors Many Guests of Distinction to Meet Them-A Historic Party-Tollets of the Evening, &c.

The tasteful visiting-eard of Mrs. Hunt, with its narrow black border, and underneath her name the Inscription penned. "At home Wednesday evening, April 19, to meet the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Chandler," was the invitation to a reception which had in it no element of the commonplace, and which will be characterized as "historic" in tooking back to it from the near future. It signalized the close of a brilliant series of receptions, and the vanishing from the Cabinet of a distinguished gentleman, who goes to assume still higher honors in the service of the Government, and the graceful retirement of a most clous hostess, the last two names distinctively associated with the late administration. It marked the entrance into Cabinet circles of two in their stead who are already well-known and popular, and whose evation last evening, so courteously previded by their predecessors, must have been very gratifying. It was participated in by the most eminent indies of the Capital's official and social life of to-day, and by an unusual num-ber of prominent visitors from other cities. As an ad'en to ex-Secretary and M's. Hunt, and to the administration of which they formed a part, it had in it a minor chord of sentiment; as a graceful link between the old and the new, nothing could have surpassed it in delicacy. From nine till twelve fully three hundred guests must

have enjoyed the hospitality of the occasion.

The President honored Mrs. Hunt's invitation by being present an hour or more, during which time he atood at the right of the hosiess chatting pleasantly with ladies who were presented to him or whom he already knew. He wore a single cardinal-red flower as a boxdomaters. Mrs. Hunt stood at the left of the main doorway leading to reference street. He was an expected.

The Queen's World-Re Assawin Declared Note of the College charged the grand Jury in the case of Roderick MacLean, who attempted to shoot Queen Victoria at Windows, on the 2d of March. His Lordship said: "State trials in Register, who was not only the case of Roderick MacLean, who attempted to shoot Queen Victoria at Windows, on the 2d of March. His Lordship said: "State trials in Register, who was not only the case of Roderick MacLean fine depositions of the windows of the law bearing on the case, though over five hundred years odly was annotative." The facts as narrated in the depositions of the wincesses of the assault cientary supported the charge. Barron Huddicston was also on the bench, Str. George Bowyer is the format to the bench, Str. George Bowyer is the format to the court-room were primarces, Lord Basconsfelet, fiverlie flowers, in memory of the late Earl, to-day being the smithly supported the charge. Barron Huddicston was also on the bench, Str. George Bowyer is the format to the court-room were primarces, Lord Basconsfelet, fiverlie flowers, in memory of the late Earl, to-day being the smithly supported the charge. Barron Huddicston was also on the bench, Str. George Bowyer is the format to the court-room were primarces, Lord Basconsfelet, fiverlie flowers, in memory of the late Earl, to-day being the smithly supported the charge. The court-room were primarces, Lord Basconsfelet, fiverlie flowers, who was at once placed in the dotter of the smithly supported the smithly supported the charge. The smithly supported the smithly su a toilet of rich cream-white satin; Mrs. Paymaster Brown, Mr. and Mrs. James Oils. of Fifth avonue, with the Misses Otis; Congressman and Mrs.

Candler, with their guest, Mrs. Rlisha Dyer, jr., the daughter-in-law of a late Governor of Rhode Island; Senators Hale and wife, Miller, of California, and daughter; Hill, of Colorado, and wife; Minister Sargent, Commis-sioner, Mrs. and Miss Loring, Representative and Mrs. Bingham, with whom came their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton McMichael, of Philadelphia; Mr. Francis Wells, of the Philadelphia Reening Bulletin, with Mrs. Wells; Mrs. Snead, Mr. and Miss Sherrill, General Anson G. McCook, Hon. John A.

Sherrill, General Anson G. McCook, Hon. John A. Kasson, and many others, particularly of naval circies. Light refreshments were served, including wine and punch. The threatened thunder storm fortunately cleared away in time to be no detriment to the attendance. Mr. Hunt, fr., assisted genially as host.

The Cabinet receptions of the afternoon were at first affected by the rain, but during the latter half of the receiving hours there were many callers. The houses of the Secretary of State, of the Treasury, and of the Interior were the only on coppen to callers. Mrs. Browster, owing to indisposition, could not assist Miss Foiger, who had with her as hoseeses Mrs. Crownins: ield and Mrs. Rogers, of Boston. Mrs. Tellor received informally and had a large number of calls.

As Mrs. Frelinghuysen is better, she will receive

as usual this evening the diplomatic corps, and her friends invited by card or verbally. Mr. McGowen, of Michigen, entertained some of his late fellow-members to a very fins dinner at Welcker's last night. Among those present were Senator Ferry, Senator Conger, and Representa-tives Hubbell, Burrows, Spalding, Rich, Horr, Lacey, Willets, Lord, and Webber of Michigan, General Williamson, Mesars, Britton, Gray, and Browne.

REMEMBERING A BRAVE MAN. The President and His Children Look a

Captain Herndon's Monument.

Annapoles, Mb., April 19.—President Arthur, accompanied by his son, daughter, and Mrs. ex-secretary Hunt, arrived here this morning at halfpast ten in a special train from Washington. The bject of the President's visit was entirely private in its nature, being for the purpose of speing and showing to his children the Herndon monument creeted in the Naval Academy grounds. Captain Herndon was the grandfather of President Arthur's children, and was in command of the Central merica, which went down in a storm September 12, 1857. The Captain allowed no one to leave the versel until all the women and children gotaway. The Captain and 480 perished. The President was met at the depot by Captain Ramsay, superintendent of the Kaval Academy, and Lieutennit Burwell, his sid, and driven to the Academy. There were no official ceremonies.

THE PARTY ENTERED THE MIDDLE GATE

THE PARTY ENTERED THE MIDDLE GATE and went up the main entrance to the superintendent's house, where he remained for hear haif an hour. The presidential party then came out, and accompanied by Captain Hamsay, Commander McNair, Professor Rice, and Lieutenant Burwell, visited the semanship department, the old chanci, the Herndon monument, the monument to the naval officers in the Tripolitan war, the midshlumen's new quarters, the laboratory, and the steam engineering department. The Prosident and his son, accompanied by Captain Remany, approached the monument with thoughtful mien and deliberate step. Only one person intruded at this sucred moment. The rest of the spectators stood a respectful disance while the President and his son looked for the first time upon this memento of their revered dead. He remained for a few moments, but long enough to east an indignant look at the intruder. If fair there will be an artiflery drill this afternoon. The President and party leave at 4:29 p. m.

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

Lodge and Newspaper Reporters.

The aurora borealis, or northern lights, as the henomenon is vulgarly called, made its appear one again last evening and, although it did not preach in magnificence the display of Sunday ght, it was very fine. An arc of peculiar lamapproach in magnificence the display of Sunday night, it was very fine. An arc of peculiar lambency began to rise slowly in the northern heavens about twelve o'clock. About two o'clock the arc suddeally became groully dismitted; its perfect curve broke into serrated segments, from the rough edges of which narrow bars of light sprang unward to the senith, to fede away in a rosy haze. After the arc, which seemed to lose itself in these high-reaching shafes, had disappeared, the heist assumed a greenish line that reminded one of the lustre usually short upon the last ransformation sects in the "Black Crook." The old theory of the northern lights was that they were ceuted by the reflection of the sunight upon the polar ice when it began to have its spring break-up. This still holds good among the fruitrant class statu the accepted idea now it that the phenomenous is caused by the qualitation of the electric currents. Benevento Cicci, a Spaniard, who made some pretendons to prophecy in the carry put of the seventeenth canary, among his alleged prophecies said that in the inter quarter of the nineteenth century there would be many celestial phenomena, that the planes would be seriously disturbed, that comets would traverse the heavens, and that the kies would gloam forth wonderful lights, all of which pointed to the early destruction of the orn. Some amateur astronomers are of the opinion that ell this recent electrical disturbance is caused by the rapid approach of the counct, which is now creating such interest among scientists. Early next week itts supposed the counct, which is now creating such interest among scientists. Early next week itts supposed the counct, which is now creating such interest among scientists. Early next week itts supposed the counct, which is now creating such interest among scientists. Early next week itts supposed the counct which is now creating such interest among scientists. Early next week itts

GOLDEN WEDDING.

FIFTY YEARS OF MARRIED LIFE.

The last complimentary bup of the scason given by that popular Corps, the Washington Light In-antry, took place last night at their armory, or 'senusylvania avenue. The ball-room was taste-ully decorated with bunding and flags; long white Pleasant Greetings to Hon, A. M. Clapp and Wife-The Guests Who Were Present and the Gifts Brought to the Happy Couple.

Last night Mr. A. M. Clapp and his estimable

ters of the room and meeding in the centre, formed a gay bouquet of parti-colored ribbons. The windows were hung with white lace curtains, over the tops being the conventional United States flags, gracefully looped up at their centres. At regular intervals on the walls down the entire leanth of the room were assembled knazacks with wife celebrated their golden wedding, the fifteth anniversary of their wedding day, in a royal manregular intervals on the walls down the chira-length of the room were suspended knapsacks with crossed swords, which added to the general beauty of the decorations and heightened the military effect. Hanging taskets, filled with graceful trail-ing vines and handsome flowers, hung from the ceiling and imparted an air of grace and beauty to the scene. Af the south end of the hall was erected a stand of arms, flanked on either side by ner at their residence, 927 G street northwest Nearly 150 guests were present, among whom were Secretary Teller and wife, Senator Angus Cameron, Hon. William Aldrich and wife, Rev. Dr. Rankin, Dr. Faunce and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Norment, ex-Senator Pomeroy George C. Gorham and wife, Myron M. Parker and wife, Postmaster Ainger and wife, Lewis Ciophane, J. B. Olcott and wife, Mr. William Hogo exquisite potted plants. Right and left of these was a handsome croyon portrait draped in the na-tional colors. The floor was in excellent condiand wife, Mr. C. E. Johnson, of Philadelphia: Mr and Mrs. M. P. Bush, of Buffalo; Mr. L. W. Balley and wife, of Buffalo; Mr. R. J. Chard and wife, of Brooklyn; Captain Henry T. Brian and wife, Mr. M. D. Helm and wife, Ps. J. R. Bigelow and wife, R. S. Parkes and wife, Nr. and Mrs. Charles Drexel, E. W. Pen-wick and wife, Nr. and Mrs. Norther Miss Carrie tion, and there was sufficient space for
EVERY ONE TO SNIOV THIS SELVES,
the rich tollets of the ladies and the neat and trim undress uniforms of the gallant hosts mingling greefully, and forming a shelidescope of ever-changing colors and pretty fees beautiful to be-hold. The various committees had evidently been so thoroughly drilled in their ardums duties that they performed their allotted tasks to perfection and deserve great credit for the way in which they looked edge, their speaks could it. The room wick and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Norton, Miss Carrie Stowell, Mr. and Mrs. Potand, Mrs. And Mrs. Ru-dolph Kaufman, George Sheriff and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson, Mr. J. A. Ruff, Mr. A. B. Ruff, Mr. and Mrs. Shufle, Mr. Harrover and his daughter, Mrs. Duneauson, John W. Thompson and wife, Miss Boles, and a great many others. Theoreming was and deserve great credit for the way in which they tooked after their guests' comfort. The committees were as follows: Reception committees—Captain Harrison Dingwan, Judge edvocate; Captain George Bertharth, quartermaster: Captain Lavi Wisodhury, commissary, Captain Eranicis A. Astiford, succeen: Captain J. Taffiell Dyer, paymaster: Captain Jesse C. Ergood, custner: Captain Rudelph P. Bartle, Impector, Orlonace Captain Rudelph P. Bartle, Impector, Pitoer directors—E. H. Nowineyer and W. E. Wright; assistants, Mewrs, Robert Wade, George Goudinot, H. Hauer, A. Jones, Leo Metiraw, J. G. Moore, George Engledon, C. Randall, John Clarvoe, and Thomas R. Mitchell. To the strains of Schroeder's orchestra the gay dancers impered lovingly over the dance, and it was an early hour this morning when the last low-whispered good-nights had been said and the final neader hand-pressures exchanged.

AMONG OTHERS PRISERY WHIE: The evening was

MOST PLEASANTLY SPENT,
Dr. Rankin read an old Scotch poem. Dr. Faunce
delivered a very happy address, and read letters delivered a very happy address, and read letters of regret from numerous friends of Mr. and Mrs. Clapp who were unable to be present. Mr. De Land, Mrs. Drexel, Miss Suele Sheriff, and Mr. C. F. Drexel sang an original song which Dr Faunce had composed for the occasion, and after partaking of a sumpluous repast the guests departed for their homes with many expressions of affection and happy wishes.

and happy wishes.

THE PRESENTS WERE NUMEROUS AND MAGNIPICENT.

Among them were: A gold and crystal clock from friends in the E Street Haptist Church; gold fee-cream dish, knife, and a dozen gold spoons from Charles Encu Johnson, of Philadelphia; a handsome abony gold-headed cane from Mr. Clapp's colored friends; card case from Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Whitelaw; ice-cream knife and dozen spoons from the employees of the Government Printing Office; salad spoon from the lady employees of the press-room, Government Printing Office; card receiver from Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dawes, of Buffalo: large ice spoon from Mr. and Mrs. J. Lewis Leib, Yonker-on-thi-Hudson; a very handsomely decorated banner from Mis Carrie E. Stowell, beny-spoon from Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Spalding, cake-basket from Robert Wilson, eyeglase chain from Harry and May Duncauson, tollet set from Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Brian, a magnificent water-pitcher from J. B. Orcett, salt-cellars and spoons from ladies in the Government Printing Office Fo ding Hoom, condiment bexes from Mis Whitelaw, sen! and fob from Mrs. Myron P. Bush, of Buffalo: Mr. Bush gave Mrs. Clapp a gold brooch set with three large diamonds; burry specon from Mis Isabella Higgins, blue crystal and gold berry-dish from Mr. and Mrs. Balley, flower and fruit-stand from Mr. and Mrs. Sanuel Normant condiment bexes from Mr. THE PRESENTS WERE NUMEROUS AND MAGNIFICENT.

SOUTH CAROLINA TRIALS. More Ballot-Box Stuffers Presented by the

Grand Jury.
CHARLESTON, S. C., April 19.—In the United States Court to-day, before Judges Bond and Ryan, the grand Jury found a true bill against thirty-eight citizens of Barnwell County, charging them with obstructing qualified voices at the Buford's Bridge precinct, in Barnwell County, at the general election in November, 1889. In the original indictment forty-three defendants were included, but the grand jury found no bill as t five of the number. The trial of the case of th NEW ORLEANS, April 19.—The following explains Itself:

To CHESTER A. ARTHUR, Prosident of the United States, Washington, D. C.:

The New Orleans Cotton Exchange, representing the large agricultural constituency of this State and she commercial interests of this city, tender to you their graveful acknowledgments for your statesmanlike and patriotic message to Congress. Your appreciation of the vast interests in the Miscissippl Valley, so seriously imperited by recent devastating floods, will stimulate our almost discouraged people to renewed efforts to contribute to our common country. United States against Lucien L. Carroll and others, managers of election at Mayesville, in Sunter County, which was commenced yesterday, was resumed, and the testimony on both sides was concluded. THE TESTIMONY FOR THE DEFENSE

was delivered by 150 white witnesses, including the three defendants. These witnesses all testified that the poll at Mayesville had been opened promptly at six o'clock on the morning of the election in 1889; that belove the voting began one of the managers opened the ballot-box and exhibited it publicly to the crowd on the outside, and turned the box upside down to show that there were no tlekets in it, when it was locked. All the witnesses who were present stated that they saw into the box clearly, and that it was perfectly empty. The Republican supervisor arrived at the poll about two thing the result of the was perfectly empty. The Republican supervisor arrived at the poll about two thing began. He was that the surplus tickets faind in the tox were de-posited through the aperiure in the lid by voters. The good character of the defendants was testi-fied to by a number of witnesser, both Republi-cans and Democrats. The argument in the case will be heard to-morrow morning. Riggs House.
PROFESSOR J. R. LANG, of New York, is domiciled

A Beward Offered for Hougate. Yesterday Marahal Henry issued a circular of-ering a reward of \$500 for the apprehension of Captain Howgate, who escaped from the custody of a deputy marshal on the 13th instant. Attached to the card is an excellent photograph of the Cap-tain, pronounced by all who have seen it wonder-fully life-like and true. The circular describes fully life-like and true. The circular describes the runaway as follows: Forty-six years old, five feet ten inches high, weighs about 175 pounds, blue-eyes, sandy hair, and somewhat pale complexion. A REPURLICAN reporter saw Miss Neille Burrill on the street yesterday afternoon. He is inclined to think that she has just returned to this city, and is here for either one or two purposes. Either she has come back here to throw the officers off the scent, or eise, by attracting suspicion to herself and having her movements watched, to divert attention from the Captain and afford him a better chance of escape. The latter supposition is hardly tenable, and unless Howgate returns here him eff. a contingency likely to occur at any time. The REPURLICAN ventures to say he will not be caught in a hurry.

JAMES PAINT, JM., the prominent incremant of New York, has par lors at Willard's. JAMES PAINT, JM., the prominent from manufacurer of Pittsburg, has parlors at the Riggs. The Aretic Stenmer Bodgers.

The Secretary of the Navy having been in-formed by Mr. James Gordon Bennett of the loss of the Rodgers by fire, has decided to send the Iroquois, Commander James H. Sands (which was put in commission last week at the Mare Island Navy-Yard), in search of Lieutenant Berry and his officers and erew. Commodore Thomas S. Phelps, commanding the Mare Island yard, has been directed to telegraph the Department how soon the vossel can leave. The Rodgers went to \$1. Lawrence Bay, Northeast Silveris, October 15 its Leavence Bay, Northeast Silveris, October 15 its to lay up for the winter, after establishing a station at Tchanka, near Cape Serdez, where Master Larles F. Painam was loft, with six men, well provisioned and equipped with clothing, dogs, and sledges for searching along the coast for the Jeannette. The Redgers was probably burned at \$1. Lawrence Bay early in the winter, when Lieutenam Berry and his crew went across the country to Tchanka, near which there are a number of settlements of Inmits. This conclusion is reached by Judging of the distance traveled by the messenger in reaching the Yena River. een directed to telegraph the Department hove

Destroyed by Fire. Pekin, Ill.—Loury's ice-house. Loss, \$15,000; nsurance, \$10,000. Boston.—The Black-Lead Works, in the Bunker

Boston.—The Black-Lead Works, in the Bunker Hill district. The principal loces are Robert Webb & Co. and Osgood & Hart. Loss, \$20,000. Indianapolis, Ind.—St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Chorch. Loss, \$15,000. New York.—Ink factory of John Rogers, at Gowanus. Loss, \$20,000. Religimore—The American Iron Smelting Company's building, on York street. Loss, \$4,000. Fully insured. Gail & Ax's building adjoining was damaged \$2,000 worth.
Opciousas, La.—O. B. Andrew's grocery, H. Humble's residence, near Washington, Loss, \$10,000. Insurance, \$5,000.

If. Hardin have already arrived.

Mr. Astricu's little daughter is a pretty child, chabby as a cherub in an attar-plece, and owning a pair of large brown eyes, that look brightly out from under a fringe of short brown hair.

A LETTER from Senator Logan, dated Arkansaa Hot Springs, says that the warm weather and the hot laths have somewhat prestrated him, but that he hopes the permanent effect of the latter will be beneficial. A Beception to Mou. T. P. O'Connor, New York, April 19.—T. P. O'Connor, member of Parliament for Galway, was tendered a recoption o-night at Cooper Institute previous to his de-

ficial.

PROMINENT among the lobbylat around the Capitol this session is to be seen the round form of Captain Harry McCoy, of Baltimore, who ran for the Doorkeepership of the Democratic House twice. He was first defented by John Polk. The second time by Charles Field, of Egypt. Northern Democrats refused to yote for him on account of his connection with the Federal prison at Satishory, N. C., during the war. The Captain is a first-less Marchad Boor. to-night at Cooper Institute previous to his de-parture for home. Charles A. Dana presided, and many distinguished efficients attended. Mr. O'Couner said the land act was not practical nor a final settlement of the land question but a preture intended to prolong the present system of landburdism and rack reads. Mr. O'Connor was given £1,085 to take to Ireland, speeches were made by J. J. O'Donachne, James Rednath, Father Cromin, of Beston, and Mrs. Par-nell, and letters of regret were were read from Wendell Phillips, Congressman Robinson and S. S. Cox, M. Collins, of Beston, and J. Mooney, of Buffalo. of the thyroid, critoid, and explesions cartilages and partial paralysis of the chiplottis." Upon examination, his entire bryax was found to be as dry as a country contribution-box. An external bandage of Cook's Baits of Life and St. Jacobs Oil was applied, without any visitie reitef, and his vocal powers were only restored by the constant application during the day of Mamm's Extra Dry, in full gobiet doses. His many friends will be pleased to learn that his leuctor anguli ords mucles are apply in readiness for the next battiquet. As a presiding officer he is the most brilliant success of the eqs.

Connecticus Prohibitionists.

Hantford, Conn., April 19.—The Prohibitionists of the State met. in convention here to-day and ominated a State ticket for the next fall election, as follows: Governor, George P. Regers, New London; lieutenant-governor, William S. Williams, Glas-tonbury; secretary of state, F. H. Sage, South Nor-walk; treasuror, Edward Tuttle, Meridon; comp-troller, C. S. Harrington, Middletown. The Pat-form sitopied was extremely briof and directed purely to the matter of probibition.

CONGREGATIONAL CONVENTION.

Interesting Proceedings-Yesterday's Sec sion-Eloquent Addresses.

The proceedings of the New Jersey Congrega tionalists peatering of the New Seriey Congrega-tionalist peatering commenced at the Congrega-tional Church with a prayer meeting, lasting from half-past nime to eleven a. m., which was of an extremely interesting character. Rev. Dr. Brown, of Newark, presided. In addition to the pastors present there was also a large number of men and women in attendance, who were attentive listen ors. The following-named gentlemen delivered short and appropriate addresses: Revs. R. B. Howard, editor of the Advence; F. A. Johnson, Dr. Breathead, T. J. Hoimes, A. P. Foster, and Dr.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRAYER-MEETING the moderator, Rev. Mr. Poster, called the meet-ing to order, and requested the delegates in at-tendance to take front seats. The hymn, "I Love tendance to take front seats. The hymn, "ILove Tby Kingdom, Lord," was then sung, after which the moderator appointed Revs. Puller, Holmes, and Green acommittee to propose the next place of meeting, and Revs. Danford, Bankin, and Coburn on nondeations. On motion, Rev. James A. Hoodley, Rev. Mr. Marvin, Rev. M. Howard, Rev. Moses H. Williams, Hon. D. S. Hamey, Rev. Mr. Alexander, and Albert Werthington were admitted to honorary membership. The church extension committee recommended that the churches at the following named places be admitted to the association: Upper Monnt Clar. N. J., Baustort, Par. Plymouth, Weshington, D. C., and Martinsburgh, W. Ve. After the transaction of some routine business, the Eev. A. H. Bradford, and read an exceedingly able essay on "Griving As & Combittan Grace."

Distincts, the Key, A. H. Briddord came briward and read are exceedingly able essay on "GIVING AS A CHRISTIAN GRACE."

Rev. Mr. Bradford was followed by Rev. Dr. Storrs, of New York, who, in a ten-minute speech, delivered a dissertation on "Christian Charley." After Dr. Storrs address it was agreed to limit the discussion to five minutes. Mr. Blake, of California, speake of the wonderful growth of Congressitionalism on the Facilic coast. He was followed by Kev. Messrs, Waite, Hayden, Pearson, Rankin, Fullen, Br. adhead, Moses Williams, Brown, Moderator Posier, and others. Kev. Mr. Walte said Congressitionalists gave more per man than any other denomination. Dr. Rankin, commenting upon Dr. Walte's remarks, said be would take the staffehout of the Congregationalists, and quoted figures to show that they gave only

FIVE CENTS AND YOUR MILLS FER WEEK
per member, which he thought was noth-

FIVE CENTS AND FORE MILLS FER WEEK per member, which he thought was nothing to boast of. At the conclusion of the discussion the moderator appointed Revs. Brown, Ely, and Bradford, and Messrs. Bearfuley and Latham a committee to consider a communication from the National Council. The meeting then (at half-past twelve, wher the singing of a hymn, took a recess, and the deligates repaired in a body to the lib sry half of the church and partock of a splendid collation which was provided by the ladies of Dr. Raukin's church.

church,

THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association reassembled at two o'clock and transacted some routine business. Reports were made by Rev. Dr. Strieby and Rev. Mr. Haywood, who had been delegates from the ass ristion to the Congregational Union held in Englandinst fall. Rev. F. A. Johnson made a report of the Sabbath-School Congres, held at Chausauqua Lake last summer. The secretary, Rev. F. A. Johnson, made his annual report, after which reports were made verbally by the delegates from the various churches.

At half-past seven, at the Tabernacle in South Washingto, the programme, consisting of an able and interesting discussion between Rev. Dr. W. W. Hicks, paster of the Lincoln Memorial Church. The theme of the discussion was "Congregationalism in the South."

To DAY'S EXERCISES.

The programme of to-day's exercises will con-THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

To-DAY'S EXERCISES.

The programme of to-day's exercises will consist of: 9 a. m., prayer meeting at Howard University; 10:30 a. m., business; 11 a. m., "Temperance and Christianity," Hop. ex-Governor Dingley, of Maine, and Mr. D. M. Henderson, Baltimore, Md. 1:39 p. m., "Children and the Church," Rev. Charles Noble, Woodbridge, N. J., and Hom. D. S. Alexander, Washington, D. C. 2:39 p. m., communion; 5 p. m., coing business; 7:39 p. m., anniversary of benevolent societies, with addresses by Drs. Haydn, et obb, Strieby, Clapp, and Dunning.

THE SCIENTISTS IN COUNCIL.

Proceedings at Yesterday's Session of the

National Academy of Sciences,
The National Academy of Sciences resumed its
session yesterday at noon, with the venerable
and distinguished president, Professor W.
B. Rogers, of Cambridge, in the chair.
The following papers were read, and elicited
much interest and some discussion: "Preliminary Notice of a new Dividing Engine," Professor H. A. Rowland; "Theory of Concave Gratlegs," Professor H. A. Rowland; "The Ultra-Red Rays of the Spectrum," Professor S. P. Langley; "Some Discoveries that Enhance the Value of the Cotton and Orange Crops," C. V. Riley; "On Photographs of the Spectrum of the Nebula in Orion," Henry Braper; "Note on a Special Form of Secondary Battery or Electric Accumulator," Wolcott Gibbs, "Researches on Complex Inorganic Acids" (continued), Wolcott Gibbs,

organic Acids (Continued), worked Gloss,
PROFISSOR RILEY'S PAPER
was one of the few which was not too abstruse to
be understood by the non-scientific listener. He
first treated of the discoveries made during the
year in reference to the cotton-worm, showing
low, by improved methods and appliances, the the insect in the United States, having watched the moth throughout the winter and found the worms during Marched the moth throughout the winter and found the worms during March and recently obtained a new generation of moths fem them. The establishment of this fiert, which has hitherto been controvered, shows the necessity of destroying the old cotton stalks, thus' preventing the ratioon cotton upon which the first worms developed. Professor filley gave an account of the worst enemies to the orange, and explained discoveries which enabled the cultivator to thoroughly protect his grove from them: One of the most important discoveries he considered that of the safe and effective use of coal oil, by emission, whereby it may be mixed of library with water. This has hitherto been a problem, and its nouting gives us a remedy "which," said the Professor, "will soon find universal application, not alone for the specific purposes which I have indicated, but for most of the insect ills that plants in general suffer from. He complimented Professors W. S. Barnard and H. G. Hubbard, two of his assistants, for their valuable aid in his experiments.

THERE WAS A MARKED INCREASE in attendance over Tuesday's session, and most of those present were persons eminent in science og Hierature, ameng whom were noticed Professof and Mrs. Baird, Colonel James Phayenson, Professor Gilbert, Professor Newcomb and his accomplished daughter, Brofessor Newcomb and his accomplished daughter, Miss Lee; Professor G. Brown Goode, Mr. George S. Hob's, Mr. W. J. Rhees, chief clerk of the Smithsonian Institute; Mejor Ferguson, Dr. Dewey, Professor Eatl, General Alvord, U. S. A.; Prefs. sop Marsh, of Yaie College; Dr. Theodore Gill, Professor William B. Rogers, of Cambridge; Dr. Elliot Cones, Mr. W. W. Karr, of Memphis; Miss McClure, of Philadelphia; Dr. Elliot, Mrs. Mohic, correspondent Teoms Springs; Major Powell, Professor Ope, and Pofessor Molcutt. The pre-ent session of the Academy will continue until Friday and close with the meeting of that day. THERE WAS A MARKED INCREASE

AUXILIARY BLUE ANCHOR SOCIETY. Contribution Party in Aid of the Suffer ers from the Mississippi Floods,

The Auxiliary Blue Anchor Society, Mrs. Judge Miller, president, will endeaver to alleviate the destituit n and suffering caused by the recent destinit in and suffering caused by the recent floods in Louisiana, by giving a contribution party Monday evening. April 24, at Masonic Temple. By way of entertainment there will be a pleasing musical programme, followed by dancing, the Marine Band furnishing the outsic for the occasion. Also, retreshments will be served, the entire proceeds from which will accruse to the benefit of the sufferers. There will be no charge for admission except in the way of contributions. The committee in charge is composed of many of the leading ladies of the city who are consplenous for deeds of charity and benevolence. Contributions may be made in money, provisions, or clothing, all of which will be sent the sufferers free of charge. The deveatation and ruin visited upon the people in the submerged country along the Lower Mississipp is widespread and terrible almost bey, and appreciation. The loss and suffering caused by the Michigan forest free which so recently drew out such generous responses from the entire country, was no comparison to that caused by the Michigan forest free which so recently drew out such generous responses from the entire country, was no comparison to that caused by the Michigan forest free which so recently drew out such generous responses from the entire company, was no comparison to that caused by the floods, only so far as fire is a more terrible element to the mind than water. The peace of Washington should therefore be prompt and generous freedom the entire contributions that may be tendered.

The Suspects Raise a Row. floods in Louisiana, by giving a contribution party

The Suspects Raise a Row.
Dentin, April 19.—The suspects in Naus jail raised a disturbance yesterday, alleging that fever was imported into the prison with suspects re-

LONDON, April 19.—The race for the city and burban handleap at the Ejsom spring use-this edsy was wore by Lord Rossmore's Passate, for-erly owned by Mr. P. Lordard. Deaths of Preminent People.

Baltimore.—Hannibal H. Chase, president of the People's Bank, making the third bank president who has died in Baltimore within eight days past

CABLE CATCHES.

CAPITOL CHIPS.

NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS.

Army Officers' Retirement-The Potomac Flats-Railroads in the Indian Territory-The Lynch-Chalmers Contest - Tho Agricultural Bureau.

The House Committee on Civil-Service Reformative yesterday, and, after further considering the pending bill proposing the reorganization of the Department of Agriculture, referred the matter is Mesars, Kanson and Hubbell.

Upon the calendars of the House there are 528 bills which have been considered by the committees and recommended for passage, including forty-six bills for the creetion of public buildings and eighty-seven bills for private relief.

The Lynch-Chalmers contested election cases

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The Lynch-Chalmers contested election came will come up in the House to-day. The majority of the Committee on Elections recommended the seating of Lynch, and it is moderationd Mr. Petitleiche will make a strong speech in favor of the adoption of the report.

Ropresentatives Muldrow, Mauning, Money, and Singloton, of Mississippi, and Messra. Dunn, Jones,

Cray ns, and Gunter, of Arkansas, appeared before the House Committee on Commerce yesterday and urged appropriations for rivers and hartors in their respective districts.

The House Committee on Public Buildings and rounds agreed to report to the House favorab y

bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury is all the site of the old New York post-office at public anction to the highest bidder, providing that it shall not be sold for less than \$500,000. The Scrate Finance Committee will hold no meetings turtli they hear from the Secretary of the Fressury as to the practicability of the House bill

ressury as to the practicality of the frome bill to indefinitely extend the period for the retention of distilled spirits in bonded warehouses without payment of fax. It appears that white the Commis-siquer of Internal Revenue favors the bill Secretary Folger is opposed to it. The House Committee on Expenditures in the The House Committee on Expenditures in the War Department will continue its investigation into the alleged corrupt practices of clerks in the office of the Quartermaster-General and Third Auditor of the Treasury so soon as certain papers which have been called for are received from the War Department. The committee has thus far examined only one witness, a claim agent of this city maned Glassie.

In view of the fact that Hon, John D. White, of In view of the fact that Hon, John D, White, of Kentucky, printed in the Congressional Record of yesterday morning the speech made by him on Saturday, in which Colonel G. C. Wharton was charged by name with fraud and official misconduct, Colonel Wharton is out with an open letter, in which he charges Mr. White with ignorance of the subject, unitualfulness, and moreonary motives. The letter was sent by telegraph to leading Western rapers.

ves. The letter It seems probable that the bill granting railroads right of way through Indian Territory will pass, but the railroad mon are dissatisfied with it as it passed the Senate, because it makes them pay the indians 225 per acre for the land they occupy and limits their right of way to 120 feet. There is a so a disposition to pass the bill allowing all introdes in the United States to consolidate, pr. vided they do not run parallel or in distinct competition. The bill is now upon the House calendar.

The Senate in executive sendon yesterday con-irmed the following nominations: Theodore Canisine, of Hillinois, to be United States consul at Apia; Joseph F. Swords, of the District of Columbia, to be United States consul at Trinifad; Israel S. Adams, to be collector of customs for the district of Great Eng. Harbor, New Jersey; Sconner W. Duncombe, of Michigat, to be register of the land-office at Aberdeen, Pukota: Thomas S. Allen, of Michigan, to be receiver of public moneys at Aberdeen, Dakota; Vincent W. Bayless, to be receiver of public moneys at Eau Caire. Wis.

The House Committee on Pacific Railroads yesterday directed Representative Faul to report to the House adversely Representative Bingham's bill proposing an appropriation of \$0,000 to contain anisius, of Illinois, to be United States concul at

the House adversely Representative Brigham's bill proposing an appropriation of \$50,000 to enable the Secretary of War to purchase the Facine telegraph line and branches. The report is made in accordance with a recommendation of the Secretary of War. The committee decided to hold a special meeting on Saturday next for the purpose of hearing further argument on the National Railway bill, which proposes granting right of way to a corporation for the construction of a railroad from Washington to New York.

The Senate Committee on Commerce heard Major Twining and Captain Abort on the Potomose Flats question yesterday morning. Captain Bads was present by invitation of the committee, and will present his views at the next meeting tomorrow morning. Captain Easts has been requested by many leading citizens to increast himself in the matter, and make a projosition to Congress to improve the harbor, but he has positively declined to have anything whatever to do with it. He only appears before the committee at their request to present his views as to the proper plan to be adopted.

The President sent the following nominations

The President sent the following nominations to the Schale yesterday: Postmasters-Loren B. Hurd, at Springfield, Vi., Henry L. Whiteomb, at

The House Committee on Civil Service Reform, to whom were referred the several bills to enlarge the reope of the Agricultural Department, have been engaged in preparing a substitute bill, which provides for a department of industries and four bureaus, one of which is to be designated as the bureau of agriculture. The bill provides for a secretary, who shall be a Cabinet officer, and four breats of bureaus. The ormaniste held a meeting yesterday aftern on and virtually agreed upon the bill. Another meeting will be held to-day to perfect some minor details, when the bill will be reported to the librae, with the request that it be printed and recommitted. o whom were referred the several bills to enlarge

The Senate Committee on Appropriations is in a peculiar quandary about the compulsory retire-ment of army efficers. In the bill which recently ment of a my efficers. In the bill which recently passed the House there was a provision for the absolute retirement of army officers at the age of sixty two years. This created warm di cussion, the difficulty being that vigorous operation was made at it yo old officers, and strong support was given if by younger ones. This bathered the countities as much that they referred it to General Legan because he was no old army officer, but that Sona of was taken sick and has gove to the itol byrings. He may return soon, but unless he does the consulties as will appoint ano her subcommattee in order to facilitate the business of getting i.e. a my appropriation bill out of the way.

The contract for granite approaches for the court-house at Harrishurg, Pa., he ocen awarded to the Old Dominion Granite tompeny.

Whater C. Nakoon has been specified informat revenue gauger for the third clat is of Onlo, and John Koch and Philip P. Stileit torekeepers for the district of Onlo.

The officers of the United States Signal Services say that there is no reason to suppose that any other person was implicated with Mr. Howgate in the circumstances and acts which led to the latter's arrest.

latter's arrest.

The Acting Chief Signal Officer has written to the War Department, in reply of Mr. Crosby's request for an investigation of the recently-published charges against him, that "there is no evidence to connect either Mr. Crosby or General Myer with Mr. Howgate,"

The President has approved the joint resolution providing for the erection of a measurement over the grave of Thomas Jefferson; the act amending section 2009 Revised Statutes, in relating to appraises at the port of New Orionaus, and the act granting an increase of pension to Saint Clair A. Mulholland.

Yesterday the police were called in to quell a ow in the Moffett building, near the corner of four-and-a-half street and Ponnsylvania avenue Four-and-a-half street and Pounsylvania avenue northwest. Two men, named r-spectively Dan Burns and George V. Meredith, live on the same floor, and from time to time have indulged in various rows, which have been settled in the Police Court. Yesterday they got fighting again, and Meredith severely cut Burns over the head with a heavy from kettle. The p live found things much mixed, men, women, how choof duralitate, bushets of water, and "flatings" being justified up altogether. They straightened things out by bearing up Merediti, while Burns swore out a warrant for ne out and battery. The case will be heard in the Police Court to-day.

Congregational Church was well filled but even-ing on the occasion of the concert given under the anspices of the Memorial Christian Church. The programme, which was highly attractive and carefully selected, was carried out with the exception of Sira. E. B. True, who was unable to appear on account of sickness, but whose number was pleasantly filled by Mrs. J. S. Powell. Nasrly every immber was vicensed, which conclusively showed the complete salts faction of the audience.

Vesterday being the anniversary of the dedication of the McKendree M. E. Ulaurch, the occasion was fittingly abserved by an appropriate jubiled consisting of a service, hit realing discourses, and hymns. The passor, the key C. Herber, Richardson, the former postor, and withers addressed the audience, and told how the church had gradually grown to its present proportions and the reasons. frown to its present proportions and the reason but led to the congregation building their presentations.

The Queen yesterday sent two wreaths, one of immercelles and one of primroses, to be placed upon Lord Beaconsiled's grave.

A banquet was given in Versailles yesterday in bonor of M. de Lesseps. M. de Lesseps invited all present to the opening of the Panama Canal in 1988.